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Dear Friends of the Ashley National Forest

The Ashley National Forest has released, in the Federal Register, a Notice of Intent to revise the Ashley National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. The Forest officially begins the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phase of the revision of its 1986 Land Management Plan for the Ashley National Forest by soliciting comments and input on four documents:

- Preliminary Need to Change the Ashley National Forest Land Management Plan
- Proposal to Revise the Land Management Plan for the Ashley National Forest (also known as the draft forest plan)
- Ashley National Forest Evaluation of Potential Wilderness Inventory Areas
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Eligibility Study and Report

These documents were developed by the forest plan revision team, based on the July 2017 Assessment. We also received helpful inputs and analysis from tribal, federal, state and local governments, as well as the general public. This next round of input will be used to further refine the draft forest plan, and assist in the development of alternatives for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The comment period for this scoping phase will end **November 8, 2019**. All relevant documents and information about how and where to submit your comments can be found on our website at:

www.fs.usda.gov/main/ashley/landmanagement/planning

Hardcopies of these four documents will be available at our public meetings (dates and locations will be listed on our website) and at our Ashley National Forest offices in UT of Vernal, Duchesne and Manila. We will make hardcopies available for Wyoming residents at Sweetwater County Library in Green River, WY and White Mountain Library in Rock Springs, WY.

As provided in 36 CFR part 219.53(a), only Individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to a plan, plan amendment, or plan revision during the opportunities for public comment as provided in subpart A during the planning process for that decision may file an objection.

Thank you for your interest in Forest Plan Revision. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at our upcoming open house meetings.

Sincerely,

For MICHAEL RICHARDSON
Forest Supervisor (Acting)

